

Moved and seconded that the fifth recommendation establishing a press committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Dr. Evans moved that a press committee of three be appointed in line with the suggestion of the last recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

Dr. Jones moved that the secretary be instructed to purchase a scrap book and in that scrap book there be pasted any clippings from the daily papers referring to any of the members of this society. A space is to be left after each clipping in which the member involved can write his defense. This scrap book to be placed in the library for the inspection of the members. Motion carried.

Dr. Blumer requested that the Library Committee be allowed \$800 for current expenses in the next six months.

Dr. Jones moved that the Library Committee be allowed \$800 for the next six months to be used for payment of salaries, payment of rent, etc. Motion carried.

Dr. D. Tait resigned as delegate from the State Society, nominating Dr. Brunn in his place. Resignation duly accepted and Dr. Brunn was duly elected to fill the vacancy.

Meeting adjourned.

#### PAST PRESIDENTS.

As this is the semi-centennial of the State Society, it may be of interest to our members to recall the names of those who have, in the past, guided the society through its many storms and stresses and into the comparatively quiet waters of the present time. We therefore give a list of the past presidents of the society; those marked (\*) are deceased.

Year.	Place of Meeting.	Presiding President.
1856	Sacramento .....	*B. F. Keene
1857	Sacramento .....	*H. Gibbons
1858	San Francisco .....	*A. B. Stout
1859	Sacramento .....	*R. B. Ellis
1870	San Francisco (Incor. Nov. 1)...	*T. M. Logan
1871	San Francisco (Mar. 1) .....	*T. M. Logan
1871	Sacramento (Oct. 11).....	*T. M. Logan
1872	Oakland (October).....	*H. Gibbons
1873	Sacramento (April).....	*G. A. Shurtleff
1874	San Francisco .....	*T. H. Pinkerton
1875	Sacramento .....	*J. M. Browne
1876	San Francisco .....	*A. B. Nixon
1877	San Francisco .....	*Wm. Fitch Cheney
1878	San Jose .....	*Washington Ayer
1879	San Francisco .....	*H. S. Orme
1880	San Francisco .....	*A. W. Saxe
1881	San Francisco .....	*F. W. Todd
1882	San Francisco .....	G. G. Tyrell
1883	San Francisco .....	*L. C. Lane
1884	San Francisco .....	*Iva E. Oatman
1885	San Francisco .....	*R. Bev. Cole
1886	San Francisco .....	*W. P. Gibbons
1887	San Francisco .....	W. S. Thorne
1888	San Francisco .....	*R. H. Plummer
1889	San Francisco .....	*Jas. Simpson
1890	Los Angeles .....	Walter Lindley
1891	Sacramento .....	W. R. Cluness
1892	San Francisco .....	O. O. Burgess
1893	San Francisco .....	W. E. Taylor
1894	San Jose .....	C. G. Kenyon
1895	San Francisco .....	G. L. Simmons
1896	Los Angeles .....	Wm. LeMoyne Wills
1897	San Francisco .....	Henry Gibbons, Jr.
1898	Fresno .....	*Cephas L. Bard
1899	Del Monte .....	Wm. Watt Kerr
1900	San Francisco .....	*Geo. Chismore
1901	Sacramento .....	*Thos. Ross
1902	San Francisco .....	Wm. J. G. Dawson
1903	Santa Barbara .....	F. B. Carpenter
1904	Paso Robles .....	H. Bert. Ellis
1905	Riverside .....	Frank L. Adams

## COMMUNICATIONS.

### Fraudulent Subscriptions.

*To the Editor of the STATE JOURNAL:* We notice in your issue of February, 1906, a paragraph concerning a fraudulent subscription solicitor who has been soliciting subscriptions to *Sunset Magazine* and other periodicals from doctors in the southern part of this state.

We first heard of this man's actions in January and succeeded in locating him in Los Angeles. We had him arrested and he was tried, found guilty and sentenced to five months' imprisonment, which sentence he is now serving.

We have been placing upon our complimentary lists all doctors and others who have been defrauded by this man, not because of any liability on our part, but because we feel we can better afford to place the doctors upon our lists than to have them prejudiced against *Sunset*. We are writing Doctor Gordon making this offer to him, and if you learn of any other doctors who have been defrauded, you will confer a favor upon us by sending us their names. Yours very truly,

JAS. HORSBURGH, JR.,

### A Denial.

*To the Editor of the STATE JOURNAL:* In your March number you have reprinted an article published in the *Medical Record* of January 13, 1906, in which reference is made to criticisms advanced by friends of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Los Angeles, against the State Board of Medical Examiners. The name of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco has been brought into the discussion. I wish to assert that this College has had nothing whatever to do with the discussions and criticisms carried on between the College in Los Angeles and the State Board, and I regret exceedingly that our name should have been used at all in this connection. We have no quarrel with the Board of Medical Examiners. We know nothing whatever of the merits or demerits of the criticisms and discussions above referred to. We prefer to be left out of the matter entirely. I hope you will do us the favor and the justice to give this communication publicity in your April number.

Yours very truly,

D. A. HODGHEAD, Dean.

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[Another correction in the article quoted from the *Medical Record* is furnished by the following personal letter from the President of the Board of Examiners to the Dean of the College of P. and S., San Francisco.]

MY DEAR DOCTOR HODGHEAD: In reply to yours of yesterday, permit me to state:

1. Life is too short and too busy for one to reply to every attack or to correct every error that may reflect upon oneself.

2. I have never publicly or privately expressed any opinion derogatory to either the P. and S. of Los Angeles or of San Francisco. In the former college I happen to have half a dozen old and valued friends—in its faculty. In the latter, Morton is the only man I know, and Morton has treated me with more than ordinary courtesy.

3. If I have any grudge against either college, which I have not, I am not fool enough to make the assertion credited to me, as president.

4. As a member of the Board of Examiners I do not discriminate for or against any college, nor do I think any one ever seriously accused me of doing so.

5. I am not the member of the board referred to in the article you mention. The latter part of that article clearly shows that the examiner in pathology was intended by the writer. Unfortunately for the